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Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT CONCERNING VITAL RECORDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-1e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 Nothing in sections 1-1d, 3-94b to 3-94e, inclusive, 7-6, 7-51, 7-53, 7-  
4 54, [7-56,] 7-172, 9-12, 10a-207, 14-14, 14-36, 14-40a, 14-41, 14-44, 14-61,  
5 14-73, 14-214, 14-276, 17a-1, 17a-152, 17b-75, 17b-81, 17b-223, 17b-748,  
6 18-73, 18-87, 19a-512, 20-10, 20-130, 20-146, 20-188, 20-213, 20-217, 20-  
7 236, 20-250, 20-252, 20-270, 20-291, 20-316, 20-361, 20-590, 20-592, 26-38,  
8 27-140g, 29-156a, 30-1, 30-45, 30-86a, 31-222, 38a-482, 38a-609, 38a-633,  
9 38a-786, 45a-263, 45a-502, 45a-504, 45a-606, 45a-754, 46b-129, 46b-215,  
10 52-572, 53-304, 53-330, 53a-70 or 53a-87 shall impair or affect any act  
11 done, offense committed or right accruing, accrued or acquired, or an  
12 obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred prior to  
13 October 1, 1972, and the same may be enjoyed, asserted and enforced,  
14 as fully and to the same extent and in the same manner as they might  
15 under the laws existing prior to said date, and all matters civil or  
16 criminal pending on said date or instituted thereafter for any act done,  
17 offense committed, right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or obligation,

18 liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred prior to said date  
19 may be continued or instituted under and in accordance with the  
20 provisions of the law in force at the time of the commission of said act  
21 done, offense committed, right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or  
22 obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred.

23 Sec. 2. Section 7-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
24 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

25 [The term "registrar of vital statistics" or "registrar" as used in this  
26 chapter means the registrar of births, marriages and deaths or any  
27 public official charged with the care of returns relating to vital  
28 statistics.]

29 As used in this chapter, sections 19a-40 to 19a-45, inclusive, and  
30 section 27 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

31 (1) "Registrar of vital statistics" or "registrar" means the registrar of  
32 births, marriages, deaths and fetal deaths or any public official charged  
33 with the care of returns relating to vital statistics;

34 (2) "Registration" means the process by which vital records are  
35 completed, filed and incorporated into the official records of the  
36 department;

37 (3) "Institution" means any public or private facility, that provides  
38 inpatient medical, surgical or diagnostic care or treatment, or nursing,  
39 custodial or domiciliary care, or to which persons are committed by  
40 law;

41 (4) "Vital records" means a certificate of birth, death, fetal death or  
42 marriage;

43 (5) "Certified copy" means a copy of a birth, death, fetal death or  
44 marriage certificate that (A) includes all information on the certificate  
45 except such information which is nondisclosable by law, (B) is issued  
46 or transmitted by any registrar of vital statistics, (C) includes an

47 attested signature and the raised seal of an authorized person, and (D)  
48 if submitted to the department, includes all information required by  
49 the commissioner;

50 (6) "Uncertified copy" means a copy of any birth, death, fetal death  
51 or marriage certificate that includes all information contained in a  
52 certified copy except an original attested signature of an authorized  
53 person and a raised seal;

54 (7) "Authenticate" or "authenticated" means to affix to a vital record  
55 in paper format the official town seal, or to affix to a vital record in  
56 electronic format the user identification, password, or other means of  
57 electronic identification, as approved by the department, of the creator  
58 of the vital record or the creator's designee, by which affixing the  
59 creator of such paper or electronic vital record, or the creator's  
60 designee, affirms the integrity of such vital record;

61 (8) "Attest" means to verify a vital record in accordance with the  
62 provisions of subdivision (5) of this section;

63 (9) "Correction" means to change or enter new information on a  
64 certificate of birth, marriage, death or fetal death, within one year of  
65 the date of the vital event recorded in such certificate, in order to  
66 accurately reflect the facts existing at the time of the recording of such  
67 vital event, where such changes or entries are to correct errors on such  
68 certificate due to inaccurate or incomplete information provided by the  
69 informant at the time the certificate was prepared, or to correct  
70 transcribing, typographical or clerical errors;

71 (10) "Amendment" means to (A) change or enter new information  
72 on a certificate of birth, marriage, death or fetal death, more than one  
73 year after the date of the vital event recorded in such certificate, in  
74 order to accurately reflect the facts existing at the time of the recording  
75 of the event, (B) create a replacement certificate of birth for matters  
76 pertaining to parentage and gender change, or (C) change a certificate  
77 of birth, marriage, death or fetal death to reflect facts that have

78 changed since the time the certificate was prepared, including, but not  
79 limited to, a legal name change or a modification to a cause of death;

80 (11) "Acknowledgement of paternity" means to legally acknowledge  
81 paternity of a child pursuant to section 46b-172;

82 (12) "Adjudication of paternity" means to legally establish paternity  
83 through an order of a court of competent jurisdiction;

84 (13) "Parentage" includes matters relating to adoption, gestational  
85 agreements, paternity and maternity;

86 (14) "Department" means the Department of Public Health; and

87 (15) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health or  
88 the commissioner's designee.

89 Sec. 3. Section 7-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
90 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

91 [All cards or blanks provided for returns to be made by the registrar  
92 of vital statistics shall be exact copies of the forms for the returns to  
93 such registrar. Each registrar shall, within sixty days after a return has  
94 been made to him, record the same and at once place it in a temporary  
95 binder in chronological order. When any registrar has accumulated a  
96 sufficient number of vital statistics returns to fill a temporary binder,  
97 such returns, arranged chronologically with an alphabetical index  
98 preceding the same, shall be at once permanently bound in book form  
99 and placed among the records of his office. When birth, marriage and  
100 death certificates are bound in one book, all such certificates for a  
101 given period of time shall be included, and they shall be assembled in  
102 the order hereinbefore mentioned, each class of certificates being  
103 arranged chronologically, and each class being immediately preceded  
104 by an alphabetical index thereof. Each marriage certificate shall be  
105 indexed in the names of both bride and groom. The registrar shall  
106 prepare the indexes required by this section and shall receive, from the  
107 town, a fee of five cents for each name so indexed. The temporary

108 binder required to be used under the provisions of this section shall be  
109 contracted for by the Comptroller and furnished to registrars of vital  
110 statistics at cost, the same to be paid for by the town on a requisition  
111 by the Comptroller approved by the registrar. Any person who  
112 violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than  
113 seven dollars.] Each registrar of vital statistics shall keep records in  
114 accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner in  
115 accordance with chapter 54. Any certified copy of a vital record  
116 submitted to the department shall include all information required by  
117 the commissioner.

118 Sec. 4. Section 7-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
119 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

120 Each registrar of vital statistics shall ascertain as accurately as [he]  
121 the registrar can all marriages, [and] deaths and fetal deaths, and all  
122 births, upon the affidavit of the father or mother, occurring in [his] the  
123 registrar's town, and record the same [in a book or books kept by him  
124 for that purpose] in such form and with such particulars as are  
125 prescribed by the [Department of Public Health. He] department. The  
126 registrar shall give licenses to marry, according to provisions of law, [;]  
127 shall make and perfect all records of the birth and death of the persons  
128 born or deceased in [his] the registrar's town, and, when any birth or  
129 death happens of which no certificate is returned to [him] the registrar,  
130 shall obtain the information required by law respecting such birth or  
131 death. [He] The registrar shall include the Social Security numbers of  
132 both persons on all marriage licenses. [He shall distribute] The  
133 registrar shall make available to all persons in [his] the registrar's town  
134 who, in [his] the registrar's judgment, are likely to need them, blank  
135 forms for the certificates and returns required by law to be made to  
136 him, [;] shall amend or correct [such] certificates of births, marriages,  
137 deaths and fetal deaths that occurred in the registrar's town, and the  
138 records thereof, whenever [he] the registrar discovers transcribing,  
139 typographical or clerical errors upon the face thereof. [, and shall insert  
140 or supply therein omissions of facts existing at the time of the

141 recording of such certificates except that all errors or omissions  
 142 concerned with questions of parentage shall be within the sole  
 143 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health as provided in section  
 144 19a-42. He] When the registrar makes a correction on a certificate of  
 145 birth, marriage, death or fetal death, the registrar shall, within ten  
 146 days, forward an authenticated copy of the corrected certificate to the  
 147 department and any other registrar having a copy of the certificate.  
 148 The registrar shall maintain sufficient documentation, as prescribed by  
 149 the commissioner, to support such correction, and shall ensure the  
 150 confidentiality of such documentation as required by law. The date of  
 151 the correction and a summary description of the evidence submitted in  
 152 support of the correction shall be made part of the record. The  
 153 certificate shall not be marked "Amended" unless an amendment is  
 154 made as provided in subdivision (10) of section 7-36, as amended by  
 155 this act. The registrar shall record on each certificate of birth, marriage,  
 156 death or fetal death received for record the date of its receipt, by  
 157 writing on the back of the certificate or through electronic means. The  
 158 registrar of vital statistics from the town where a child was born may  
 159 electronically access birth data for such child to make corrections and  
 160 amendments as requested by the parent or parents, the reporting  
 161 hospital, or the department, excluding amendments regarding  
 162 parentage and gender change. Amendments to vital records made by  
 163 the registrar of vital statistics in the town of occurrence shall be made  
 164 in accordance with section 19a-42, as amended by this act. The  
 165 registrar shall keep the records of [his] the registrar's office, when a  
 166 [fire-proof] fireproof safe is not provided for [his] the registrar's use, in  
 167 the vaults provided for the land records of [his] the town. [He] The  
 168 registrar may, with the approval of the [Department of Public Health]  
 169 department, store any records not in current use in a location other  
 170 than [his] the registrar's office or [said] such vaults, provided such  
 171 location shall be approved by the Public Records Administrator, and  
 172 provided such location is within the limits of such town. [He] The  
 173 registrar shall, on or before the seventh day of each month, send to the  
 174 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner an [attested]

175 authenticated copy of each certificate of death received by [him] the  
 176 registrar for the calendar month next preceding or a notification that  
 177 no such certificate has been received. [and] The registrar shall, on or  
 178 before the fifteenth day of [every] each month, send to the  
 179 commissioner an [attested] authenticated copy of each certificate of  
 180 birth and fetal death received by the registrar for the calendar month  
 181 next preceding or a notification that no such certificate has been  
 182 received. The registrar shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each  
 183 month, send to the commissioner an authenticated copy of each  
 184 certificate of marriage received by [him] the registrar for the calendar  
 185 month next preceding or a notification that no such certificate has been  
 186 received. [Both such] Such notifications shall be in a [form] format  
 187 prescribed by the [Department of Public Health. The registrar shall  
 188 also transmit from time to time to said commissioner an attested copy  
 189 of all other certificates of births, marriages and deaths which he  
 190 acquires in amending or completing his records. The copy shall be  
 191 made in a form prescribed by the Department of Public Health and  
 192 upon blanks provided by said] department. Copies of certificates of  
 193 births, marriages, [and] deaths and fetal deaths, transmitted to [said]  
 194 the commissioner as required in this section, shall be plain, complete  
 195 and legible transcripts of the certificates. If a transcript is illegible [, in  
 196 the opinion of the commissioner, he] or incomplete, the commissioner  
 197 shall require of the registrar [another copy legibly transcribed. When a  
 198 registrar having custody of an original of a certificate of birth, marriage  
 199 or death corrects the certificate, he shall, within ten days, forward an  
 200 amended certificate to any registrar having a copy of the certificate.  
 201 Each registrar shall inscribe upon the back of each certificate of birth,  
 202 marriage or death received for record the date of its reception] a  
 203 complete or legible copy. Each registrar of vital statistics shall also  
 204 transmit to the registrars of voters for [his] the registrar's town a notice  
 205 of the death of any person seventeen years of age or older, at the same  
 206 time the registrar transmits the [attested] authenticated copy of the  
 207 certificate of death for such person to the [Commissioner of Public  
 208 Health] commissioner under this section.

209 Sec. 5. Section 7-44 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
210 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

211 (a) When it appears from the certificate of a birth, marriage, [or]  
212 death or fetal death filed with any registrar of vital statistics that the  
213 residence of the mother of the child or that of either of the parties to  
214 the marriage or that of the deceased was in some other town in this  
215 state or a town in any other state where town officials retain custody of  
216 such certificates, at the time of such birth, marriage, [or] death or fetal  
217 death, such registrar shall at once [make a certified] transmit an  
218 authenticated copy of such certificate of birth, marriage, [or death and  
219 transmit the same] death or fetal death, including all information  
220 contained on such certificate, to the registrar of the town in which the  
221 mother of such child or either of the contracting parties to such  
222 marriage or such deceased resided at the time of such birth, marriage,  
223 [or] death or fetal death. Such copy shall be in the [form] format  
224 prescribed by the [Department of Public Health and on blanks  
225 provided by said department, and shall be attested by the official seal  
226 of the town or other municipal body under which such registrar holds  
227 office] department. Any registrar of vital statistics of any town or city  
228 in this state, receiving such [certified] authenticated copy of a birth,  
229 marriage, [or] death or fetal death certificate from a registrar of a town  
230 or city in this or any other state, shall record the same, but shall not  
231 transmit a copy thereof to the [Commissioner of Public Health]  
232 commissioner.

233 (b) Any registrar of vital statistics of any town or city in this state  
234 who has access to an electronic vital records system may meet the  
235 certificate filing requirements of this section by using such system,  
236 except that if the town of residence does not have access to such  
237 system, the registrar of the town in which the vital event occurred shall  
238 use manual procedures to transmit an authenticated copy of the  
239 certificate to the registrar of the town of residence.

240 (c) Each registrar of vital statistics in this state with access to the

241 electronic vital records system of the may access vital records through  
242 such system for the purpose of viewing, printing and issuing  
243 certificates to authorized individuals in accordance with sections 7-51  
244 and 7-51a, as amended by this act. Only the registrar of the town in  
245 which the vital event occurred or the department may make  
246 corrections or amendments to any such certificates.

247       Sec. 6. Section 7-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
248 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

249       Each person making any certificate of birth, marriage, [or] death or  
250 fetal death, or any copy of such certificate for the [Commissioner of  
251 Public Health] commissioner, or any sexton's report required by law,  
252 shall cause the same to be typewritten or printed in a legible manner as  
253 to all material information or facts required by the provisions of  
254 sections 7-48, as amended by this act, 7-60, as amended by this act, 7-  
255 62b, as amended by this act, 46b-25 to 46b-27, inclusive, and 46b-29 to  
256 46b-30, inclusive, and contained in such certificate. [and] If the  
257 certificate is in paper format, such person shall sign the [same]  
258 certificate in black ink, [and the person signing such certificate] shall  
259 state therein in what capacity [he] such person so signs, and shall type  
260 or print in a legible manner the name of each person signing such  
261 certificate, under such person's signature. If the certificate is in an  
262 electronic format, such certificate shall be authenticated by the  
263 electronic vital records system of the department. Any certificate not  
264 complying with the requirements of this section shall be returned by  
265 the registrar with whom it is filed to the person making the same for  
266 the proper correction.

267       Sec. 7. Section 7-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
268 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

269       The registrars shall complete the records of their respective towns  
270 by adding thereto a record of all the births, marriages, [and] deaths  
271 and fetal deaths that have occurred in such towns since the date of  
272 [their] incorporation of such towns, of which no certificate has been

273 returned to their office, [;] provided the facts upon which such record  
 274 is made have been obtained from the record of a public official, a  
 275 church society or under section 7-42, as amended by this act, 7-48, as  
 276 amended by this act, or 7-62b, as amended by this act, and such record  
 277 shall indicate the source from which such facts were obtained. Any  
 278 registrar who knowingly makes any false entry of the record of any  
 279 birth, marriage, [or] death or fetal death shall be fined not more than  
 280 fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than three months or both.

281 Sec. 8. Section 7-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 282 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

283 Each registrar of vital statistics shall keep alphabetically arranged  
 284 separate indexes for each group of vital events and shall enter therein  
 285 the name of each person whose birth, marriage, [or] death or fetal  
 286 death is recorded by [him] the registrar.

287 Sec. 9. Section 7-48 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 288 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

289 (a) Not later than ten days after each live birth which occurs in this  
 290 state, a birth certificate shall be filed with the registrar of vital statistics  
 291 in the town in which the birth occurred and the certificate shall be  
 292 registered if properly filed, by manual or electronic systems as  
 293 prescribed by the commissioner. On and after January 1, 1994, each  
 294 hospital with two hundred or more live births in calendar year 1990, or  
 295 any subsequent calendar year, shall electronically transmit birth  
 296 information data to the [Department of Public Health] department in a  
 297 computer format approved by [said] the department. Each birth  
 298 certificate shall contain such information as the [Department of Public  
 299 Health] department may require. Medical and health information  
 300 which is required by the department, including information regarding  
 301 voluntary acknowledgments of paternity and whether the child was  
 302 born out of wedlock, shall be recorded on a confidential portion of the  
 303 certificate to be sent directly to the department. Such confidential  
 304 records may be used for statistical and health purposes [. This

305 confidential portion shall be destroyed at the end of three years.] by  
306 the department or by a local director of health, as authorized by the  
307 department, for records related to the town served by the local director  
308 of health and where the mother was a resident at the time of the birth  
309 of the child. Such birth certificate and confidential records may be used  
310 internally by the hospital for records transmitted by the hospital for  
311 statistical, health and quality assurance purposes, as approved by the  
312 hospital institutional review board. The department shall give due  
313 consideration to national uniformity in vital statistics in prescribing the  
314 [form] format and content of such certificate.

315 (b) When a birth occurs in an institution or en route thereto, the  
316 person in charge of the institution or [his] such person's designated  
317 representative shall [complete the certificate, secure the signatures  
318 required] obtain all data required by the certificate, prepare the  
319 certificate, certify that the child was born alive at the place and time  
320 and on the date stated either by signature or by an electronic process  
321 approved by the commissioner and file the certificate with the registrar  
322 of vital statistics in the town in which the birth occurred, not later than  
323 ten days after such birth. The physician or other person in attendance,  
324 and the physician, institution or other person providing prenatal care,  
325 shall provide the medical information required by the certificate [and  
326 certify to the fact of birth] not later than [seventy-two] twenty-four  
327 hours after the birth. [If the physician does not certify to the fact of  
328 birth within such time period, the person in charge of the institution  
329 shall complete and sign the certificate.]

330 (c) When a birth occurs outside an institution, the certificate shall be  
331 prepared and filed by the physician or midwife in attendance at or  
332 immediately after the birth or, in the absence of such a person, by the  
333 father or mother.

334 (d) When a birth occurs in a moving conveyance and the child is  
335 first removed from the conveyance in this state, the birth shall be  
336 registered in this state and the place where the child is first removed

337 shall be considered the place of birth.

338 Sec. 10. Section 7-50 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
339 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

340 No certificate of birth shall contain any specific statement that the  
341 child was born in or out of wedlock or reference to illegitimacy of the  
342 child or to the marital status of the mother, except that information on  
343 whether the child was born in or out of wedlock and the marital status  
344 of the mother shall be recorded on a confidential portion of the  
345 certificate pursuant to section 7-48, as amended by this act. Upon the  
346 [filing of a voluntary acknowledgment or adjudication of paternity]  
347 completion of an acknowledgement of paternity at a hospital,  
348 concurrent with the hospital's electronic transmission of birth data to  
349 the department, or at a town in the case of a home birth, concurrent  
350 with the registration of the birth data by the town, the  
351 acknowledgement shall be filed in the paternity registry maintained by  
352 the [Department of Public Health] department, as required by section  
353 19a-42a, and the name of the father of a child born out of wedlock shall  
354 be entered in or upon the birth certificate or birth record of such child.  
355 [Thereafter, the] All post birth acknowledgements or adjudications of  
356 paternity received by the department shall be filed in the paternity  
357 registry maintained by the department, and the name of the father of  
358 the child born out of wedlock shall be entered in or upon the birth  
359 record or certificate of such child by the department, if there is no  
360 paternity already recorded on the birth certificate. If another father's  
361 information is recorded on the certificate, the original father's  
362 information shall not be removed except upon receipt by the  
363 department of a court order directing the department to remove the  
364 original father's information, specifically referenced by name, and  
365 replace such information with the name of the newly adjudicated  
366 father, specifically referenced by name. The name of the father on  
367 [such] a birth certificate or birth record shall be removed or changed  
368 only upon the filing of a rescission in such registry, as provided in  
369 section 19a-42a, or upon the order of a court of competent jurisdiction

370 establishing that the father to be removed, specifically referenced by  
371 name, is not the father. The Social Security number of the father of a  
372 child born out of wedlock may be entered in or upon the birth  
373 certificate or birth record of such child if such disclosure is done in  
374 accordance with 5 USC 552a note.

375 Sec. 11. Section 7-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
376 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

377 [With the exception of the chief executive officer of the municipality  
378 or his authorized agent, the local director of health or his authorized  
379 agent, attorneys at law, title examiners and members of genealogical  
380 societies incorporated or authorized to do business or conduct affairs  
381 in this state, no person, except the person whose birth is recorded, if  
382 over eighteen years of age, his children or spouse or his parent,  
383 guardian or grandparent if a minor, shall have any access to or be  
384 permitted to examine the original or any copy of the birth certificate or  
385 birth record, of any person, nor shall he disclose any matters contained  
386 therein or any information concerning such birth, which original, copy  
387 or information is in the custody of any registrar of vital statistics or of  
388 the Department of Public Health, nor shall he be entitled to any copy  
389 of any such certificate, record or information, except upon written  
390 order of a court of record or upon written request of a state  
391 department or the federal government when approved by the  
392 Department of Public Health.]

393 (a) The department and registrars of vital records shall restrict  
394 access to and issuance of a certified copy of birth and fetal death  
395 records and certificates less than one hundred years old, to the  
396 following eligible parties: (1) The person whose birth is recorded, if  
397 over eighteen years of age; (2) such person's children, grandchildren,  
398 spouse, parent, guardian or grandparent; (3) the chief executive officer  
399 of the municipality where the birth or fetal death occurred, or the chief  
400 executive officer's authorized agent; (4) the local director of health for  
401 the town or city where the birth or fetal death occurred or where the

402 mother was a resident at the time of the birth or fetal death, or the  
403 director's authorized agent; (5) attorneys-at-law and title examiners  
404 representing such person or such person's parent, guardian, child or  
405 surviving spouse; (6) members of genealogical societies incorporated  
406 or authorized by the Secretary of the State to do business or conduct  
407 affairs in this state; (7) agents of a state or federal agency or  
408 department; and (8) researchers approved by the department pursuant  
409 to section 19a-25. Access to confidential files on paternity, adoption,  
410 gender change or gestational agreements, or information contained  
411 within such files, shall not be released to any party, including the  
412 eligible parties listed in this subsection, except upon an order of a court  
413 of competent jurisdiction.

414 (b) No person other than the eligible parties listed in subsection (a)  
415 of this section shall be entitled to examine or receive a copy of any  
416 birth or fetal death certificate, record or information, or disclose any  
417 matter contained therein, except upon written order of a court of  
418 competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
419 permit disclosure of information contained in the "information for  
420 medical and health use only" or the "information for statistical  
421 purposes only" section of a birth certificate, other than the Social  
422 Security numbers, race and ethnicity information of the parent or  
423 parents recorded in the "administrative purposes" section of an  
424 electronically filed birth or fetal death certificate or displayed on a  
425 manually filed birth or fetal death certificate, unless specifically  
426 authorized by the department for statistical or research purposes. Such  
427 confidential information, other than the excluded information set forth  
428 in this subsection, shall not be subject to subpoena or court order and  
429 shall not be admissible before any court or other tribunal.

430 (c) The registrar of the town in which the birth or fetal death  
431 occurred or of the town in which the mother resided at the time of the  
432 birth or fetal death, or the department, may issue a certified copy of the  
433 certificate of birth or fetal death of any person born in this state which  
434 is kept in paper form in the custody of the registrar. Such certificate

435 shall be issued upon the written request of an eligible party listed in  
436 subsection (a) of this section. Any registrar of vital statistics in this  
437 state with access, as authorized by the department, to the electronic  
438 vital records system of the department may issue a certified copy of  
439 the electronically filed certificate of birth or fetal death of any person  
440 born in this state upon the written request of an eligible party listed in  
441 subsection (a) of this section.

442 (d) No person shall be entitled to receive an uncertified copy of a  
443 birth certificate or a fetal death certificate for births or fetal deaths  
444 occurring less than one hundred years prior to the date of the request.  
445 The department or the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which  
446 the vital event occurred or of the town of residence of the person that  
447 died or of the bride or groom or of the mother at the time of the birth  
448 of a child, may issue to any person, upon request, an uncertified copy  
449 of any death certificate or a marriage certificate or of any birth or fetal  
450 death certificate for births or fetal deaths that occurred more than one  
451 hundred years prior to the date of the request. No registrar of vital  
452 statistics shall charge more than fifty cents, or the rate that may be  
453 established under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in  
454 section 1-200, as from time to time amended, for any uncertified copy  
455 of a certificate pursuant to this section.

456 Sec. 12. Section 7-51a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
457 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

458 (a) Any person eighteen years of age or older may purchase certified  
459 or uncertified copies of marriage and death records, and copies of  
460 records of births or fetal deaths which are at least one hundred years  
461 old, in the custody of any registrar of vital statistics. During all normal  
462 business hours, members of genealogical societies incorporated or  
463 authorized by the Secretary of the State to do business or conduct  
464 affairs in this state shall (1) have full access to all vital records in the  
465 custody of any registrar of vital statistics, including certificates,  
466 ledgers, record books, card files, indexes and database printouts,

467 except confidential files on adoptions, gender change, gestational  
468 agreements and paternity, (2) be permitted to make notes from such  
469 records, [and] (3) be permitted to purchase certified or uncertified  
470 copies of such records, in accordance with the provisions of subsection  
471 (d) of section 7-51, as amended by this act, and (4) be permitted to  
472 incorporate statistics derived from such records in the publications of  
473 such genealogical societies.

474 (b) For marriage licenses, all parties specified on the license,  
475 including bride, groom, officiator and town clerk or other persons, as  
476 authorized by the commissioner, shall have access to the Social  
477 Security numbers specified on both the marriage license and the  
478 application for such license.

479 (c) For death certificates, all parties specified on the certificate,  
480 including informant, licensed funeral director, licensed embalmer,  
481 conservator, surviving spouse, physician and town clerk or other  
482 persons, as authorized by the commissioner, shall have access to the  
483 Social Security numbers specified on both the original death certificate  
484 and a certified copy. Any other individual requesting an uncertified or  
485 certified copy of any death certificate, for a death occurring after July 1,  
486 1997, shall be provided such copy with the Social Security numbers  
487 removed or blocked out.

488 (d) The registrar of vital statistics of any town or city in this state  
489 that has access to an electronic vital records system, as authorized by  
490 the department, may use such system to issue certified copies of birth,  
491 death, fetal death or marriage certificates that are electronically filed in  
492 such system and to issue uncertified copies of death or marriage  
493 certificates in such system.

494 Sec. 13. Section 7-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
495 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

496 (a) [(1)] The registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the birth  
497 occurred, [(2)] the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the

498 mother resided at the time of the birth or [(3) the Department of Public  
499 Health] the department shall issue, upon the request of the person to  
500 whom the record of birth relates, if over sixteen years of age, or of a  
501 parent, guardian, spouse, child, if over eighteen years of age,  
502 grandparent or legal representative of such person, a certification of  
503 birth registration, which shall contain [only] the name, sex, date of  
504 birth, place of birth and date of [filing] registration of the certificate of  
505 birth of the person to whom it relates, and any other identifying  
506 information prescribed by the commissioner.

507 (b) The registrar of vital statistics of any town or city in this state  
508 that has access to an electronic vital records system, as authorized by  
509 the department, may use such system to issue, in accordance with the  
510 provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a certification of birth  
511 registration for such births that are electronically filed in such system.

512 Sec. 14. Section 7-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
513 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

514 Upon receipt of the record of adoption referred to in subsection (e)  
515 of section 45a-745 or of other evidence satisfactory to the [Department  
516 of Public Health] department that a person born in this state has been  
517 adopted, [said] the department shall prepare a new birth certificate of  
518 such adopted person, except that no new certificate of birth shall be  
519 prepared if the court decreeing the adoption, the adoptive parents or  
520 the adopted person, if over fourteen years of age, so requests. Such  
521 new birth certificate shall include all the information required to be set  
522 forth in a certificate of birth of this state as of the date of birth, except  
523 that the adopting parents shall be named as the parents instead of the  
524 genetic parents and, when a certified copy of the birth of such person  
525 is requested by an authorized person, a copy of the new certificate of  
526 birth as prepared by the department shall be provided. [, except that  
527 the registrar of vital statistics of any town in which the birth of such  
528 person was recorded or the Department of Public Health may issue a  
529 certified copy of the original certificate of birth on file, marked with a

530 notation by the issuer that such original certificate of birth has been  
531 superseded by a new certificate of birth as on file, or may permit the  
532 examination of such record upon a written order, in accordance with  
533 the provisions of section 45a-751, signed by the judge of the probate  
534 court for the district in which the adopted person was adopted or born  
535 or upon] Any person seeking to examine or obtain a copy of the  
536 original record or certificate of birth shall first obtain a written order  
537 signed by the judge of the probate court for the district in which the  
538 adopted person was adopted or born in accordance with section 45a-  
539 751 or a written order of the Probate Court in accordance with the  
540 provisions of section 45a-752, stating that the court is of the opinion  
541 that the examination of the birth record of the adopted person by the  
542 adopting parents or the adopted person, if over eighteen years of age,  
543 or by the person wishing to examine the same or that the issuance of a  
544 copy of such birth certificate to the adopting parents, adopted person,  
545 if over eighteen years of age or to the person applying therefor will not  
546 be detrimental to the public interest or to the welfare of the adopted  
547 person or to the welfare of the genetic or adoptive parent or parents.  
548 Upon receipt of such court order, the registrar of vital statistics of any  
549 town in which the birth of such person was recorded, or the  
550 department, may issue the certified copy of the original certificate of  
551 birth on file, marked with a notation by the issuer that such original  
552 certificate of birth has been superseded by a replacement certificate of  
553 birth as on file, or, may permit the examination of such record.  
554 Immediately after a new certificate of birth has been prepared, an exact  
555 copy of such certificate, together with a written notice of the evidence  
556 of adoption, shall be transmitted by the department to the registrar of  
557 vital statistics of each town in this state in which the birth of the  
558 adopted person is recorded. The new birth certificate, the original  
559 certificate of birth on file and the evidence of adoption shall be filed  
560 and indexed, under such regulations as the [Department of Public  
561 Health makes] commissioner adopts, in accordance with chapter 54, to  
562 carry out the provisions of this section and to prevent access to the  
563 records of birth and adoption and the information therein contained

564 without due cause, except as [herein] provided in this section. Any  
565 person, except such parents or adopted person, who discloses any  
566 information contained in such records, except as [herein] provided in  
567 this section, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or  
568 imprisoned not more than six months, or both. Whenever a certified  
569 copy of an adoption decree from a court of a foreign country, having  
570 jurisdiction of the adopted person, is filed with the [Department of  
571 Public Health] department under the provisions of this section, such  
572 decree, when written in a language other than English, shall be  
573 accompanied by an English translation, which shall be subscribed and  
574 sworn to as a true translation by an American consulate officer  
575 stationed in such foreign country.

576 Sec. 15. Section 7-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
577 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

578 The [Department of Public Health] department shall prepare a  
579 certification of birth registration for any person born outside of the  
580 state or country and adopted by residents of this state, provided an  
581 authenticated and exemplified copy of the order of adoption of the  
582 court of the district in which the adoption proceedings were had or  
583 such other evidence as is considered satisfactory by the probate court  
584 of the district in which such person resides shall be filed with such  
585 probate court, and such probate court notifies the department that  
586 such copy or satisfactory evidence has been so filed. Such certification  
587 of birth registration shall contain only the adopted name, sex, date of  
588 birth, place of birth and date of preparation of such certification of  
589 birth registration by the [Department of Public Health] department,  
590 but no certification of birth registration shall be prepared by the  
591 [Department of Public Health] department unless upon specific  
592 written request of the person to whom the certification of birth  
593 registration relates, if over [eighteen] sixteen years of age, or of the  
594 adopting parents or the court of probate of the district in which the  
595 adoption proceedings were had. When the [Department of Public  
596 Health] department has prepared such certificate of birth registration,

597 copies thereof shall be issued by the department in accordance with  
598 the provisions of section 7-52, as amended by this act.

599 Sec. 16. Section 7-57 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
600 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

601 Any adult or the guardian of the person of any minor, for whose  
602 birth no certificate is on file, may, with two other persons having  
603 knowledge of the facts, make, under oath, an affidavit as to the matters  
604 required to be set forth in a birth certificate under the provisions of  
605 section 7-48, as amended by this act, and file the same in the office of  
606 the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which such birth occurred.  
607 Such registrar shall thereupon prepare a birth certificate based upon  
608 the information contained in such affidavit and file the same with such  
609 affidavit in the same manner as any other birth certificate, including  
610 filing a copy of such certificate with the department. If unable to  
611 furnish an affidavit satisfactory to the registrar of such town, such  
612 adult or guardian may apply to the court of probate for the district  
613 where such birth occurred for an order requiring such registrar to  
614 prepare a certificate of birth of such adult or such minor containing the  
615 matters so required to be set forth. Such court shall, with or without  
616 notice and hearing, ascertain the facts as to the matters so required and  
617 issue an order directing such registrar to issue such a certificate based  
618 upon the facts set forth in such order. After issuing any such certificate,  
619 such registrar shall make a record of such birth, including in such  
620 record reference to such certificate and the affidavit or order of the  
621 court. Birth certificates registered one year or more after the date of  
622 birth shall be marked "delayed" and indicate the date of the delayed  
623 registration. The provisions of sections 7-42, as amended by this act,  
624 and 7-73, as amended by this act, shall apply to the acts of the registrar  
625 under this section.

626 Sec. 17. Section 7-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
627 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

628 Any American citizen who [, while serving with the armed forces or

629 in the employ of the United States government,] becomes the parent of  
630 a child or children born outside the United States, and who was a  
631 resident of this state [at the time of entering the armed forces or  
632 government service] at the time of leaving the United States, may file,  
633 with the town clerk of the town in which the parents reside or resided,  
634 a certified copy of the record of birth of such child or children issued to  
635 the parents by an official authorized to issue such records of birth at  
636 the place of birth. When such certified copy has been filed, copies of  
637 such record of birth may be issued by such town clerk in the manner  
638 prescribed by law.

639 Sec. 18. Section 7-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
640 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

641 The executive authority of any agency or institution, upon accepting  
642 the temporary custody of any foundling child, shall, within ten days  
643 from such acceptance, report to the registrar of vital statistics of the  
644 town or city where such child was found, [on forms supplied by the  
645 Department of Public Health] in a format prescribed by the  
646 department, as follows: The date and place of finding, the sex, the  
647 [color] race, the approximate age, the name and address of such  
648 agency or institution and the name given to the foundling child. If a  
649 child for whom such a report has been registered is later identified and  
650 a certificate of birth is found or obtained, it shall be substituted and the  
651 previous report shall be sealed and filed in a confidential file, and such  
652 seal may be broken and the record inspected only upon order of a  
653 court of competent jurisdiction. The certificate prescribed by this  
654 section shall include such additional information as the [Department of  
655 Public Health] department requires.

656 Sec. 19. Section 7-60 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
657 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

658 (a) Each case of fetal death shall be registered and a fetal death  
659 certificate shall be filed with the registrar of vital statistics in the  
660 manner required by [section 7-48 for filing a birth certificate] sections

661 7-48, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, as amended by this act, and section 27 of this act,  
662 with respect to the filing, content and issuance of birth certificates. A  
663 fetus born after a period of gestation of not less than twenty weeks in  
664 which there is no attempt at respiration, no action of heart and no  
665 movement of voluntary muscle, shall be recorded as a fetal death. A  
666 fetal death certificate shall be signed by a physician or, when no  
667 physician was in attendance, by the Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy  
668 Chief Medical Examiner, an associate medical examiner, or an  
669 authorized assistant medical examiner.

670 (b) Such certificate shall include on a confidential portion of the  
671 certificate, any additional information required by the [Department of  
672 Public Health] department, provided the information obtained under  
673 this section shall be used only for medical and health purposes. [and  
674 shall not be incorporated into the permanent official records of the  
675 department.]

676 Sec. 20. Section 7-62a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
677 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

678 No person other than a registrar of vital statistics or the  
679 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall issue or cause to  
680 be issued any certificate or document which is, or purports to be, an  
681 original or certified copy of a certificate of birth, death, fetal death or  
682 marriage. No person other than such registrar or [said] the  
683 commissioner shall certify or purport to certify as a true copy any  
684 certificate of birth, death, fetal death or marriage. No person other than  
685 a registrar of vital statistics or the commissioner shall issue or cause to  
686 be issued an uncertified copy of a certificate of birth, death, fetal death  
687 or marriage, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of  
688 section 7-51, as amended by this act. Any person who violates this  
689 section shall be fined not more than one hundred fifty dollars or  
690 imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

691 Sec. 21. Subsection (b) of section 7-62b of the general statutes is  
692 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

693 (b) The [licensed] funeral director or [licensed] embalmer licensed  
 694 by the department, or the funeral director or embalmer licensed in  
 695 another state and complying with the terms of a reciprocal agreement  
 696 on file with the department, in charge of the burial of the deceased  
 697 person shall complete the death certificate on a form provided by the  
 698 [Department of Public Health] department and shall file it in  
 699 accordance with the provisions of this section, except when inquiry is  
 700 required by the Chief Medical Examiner's Office, in which case the  
 701 death certificate shall be filed in accordance with section 19a-409. The  
 702 Social Security number of the deceased person shall be recorded on  
 703 such certificate. Such licensed funeral director or licensed embalmer  
 704 shall obtain the personal data from the next of kin or the best qualified  
 705 person or source available and shall obtain a medical certification from  
 706 the person responsible therefor, in accordance with the provisions of  
 707 this section. Only a licensed embalmer may assume charge of the  
 708 burial of a deceased person who died from a communicable disease, as  
 709 designated in the Public Health Code, and such licensed embalmer  
 710 shall file the death certificate and a certificate signed and sworn to by  
 711 [himself] such licensed embalmer or another licensed embalmer stating  
 712 that the body has been disinfected in accordance with the Public  
 713 Health Code.

714 Sec. 22. Section 7-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 715 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

716 Except as provided in section 7-70, as amended by this act, no  
 717 person except a licensed embalmer or funeral director licensed by the  
 718 [Department of Public Health] department shall remove the body of a  
 719 deceased person from one town to another or into the limits of any  
 720 town in this state unless a permit for such removal has been obtained,  
 721 as provided by section 7-68, and no person except a licensed embalmer  
 722 or funeral director licensed by [said] the department, or licensed in a  
 723 state having a reciprocal agreement on file with the department, shall  
 724 remove the body of any deceased person from this state to another  
 725 state unless a death certificate signed by a person licensed by [said] the

726 department, or licensed in a state having a reciprocal agreement on file  
727 with the department and complying with the terms of such agreement,  
728 has been procured. [, and no] No burial or removal permit shall be  
729 issued unless the death certificate has been signed by a licensed  
730 embalmer or funeral director licensed by [said] the department, or  
731 licensed in a state having a reciprocal agreement on file with the  
732 department and complying with the terms of such agreement. Any  
733 embalmer or funeral director licensed by [said] the department, or  
734 licensed in a state having a reciprocal agreement on file with the  
735 department, may remove the body of any deceased person from or  
736 into the limits of any town in this state, provided there shall be  
737 attached to the coffin or case containing such body a written or printed  
738 permit, signed by the registrar of vital statistics in the town in which  
739 such person died, certifying the cause of death or disease of which  
740 such person died and the town in which such person is to be buried.  
741 The permit shall also certify that, when death was due to any  
742 communicable disease specified by the Public Health Code, the body  
743 has been prepared in accordance with the regulations of the Public  
744 Health Code. Such permit shall be sufficient to permit the burial of  
745 such deceased person in any town in this state other than the town in  
746 which such person died, without a burial permit from the registrar of  
747 the town where such person is to be buried. If the body of a deceased  
748 person is brought into the state for burial and is accompanied by a  
749 removal permit issued by the legally constituted authorities of the state  
750 from which it was brought, such permit shall be received as sufficient  
751 authority for burial; but, if it is not accompanied by such permit, then  
752 the person or persons in charge of it shall apply for a burial permit to  
753 the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which it is to be buried,  
754 and such registrar shall issue such permit when furnished with such  
755 information as to the identity of the deceased and the cause of [his]  
756 death as is required by section 7-62b, as amended by this act,  
757 concerning a person dying in this state. Any person who violates any  
758 provision of this section, or who knowingly signs a false permit or  
759 knowingly allows a false permit to be used in lieu of a permit required

760 by this section, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or  
761 imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

762 Sec. 23. Section 7-70 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
763 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

764 Any licensed embalmer, registered student embalmer or licensed  
765 funeral director licensed by the department, or licensed in a state  
766 having a reciprocal agreement on file with the department, may  
767 transfer the body of any deceased person to another town or state for  
768 preparation for burial or cremation, if death was not sudden or the  
769 result of violence or of a communicable disease other than tuberculosis  
770 or pneumonia, [provided such body shall be returned to the town in  
771 which death occurred within twenty-four hours or] provided a permit  
772 for permanent removal, as required under the provisions of section 7-  
773 69, as amended by this act, has been secured within [said time] twenty-  
774 four hours. Such temporary transfer shall be made only by a licensed  
775 embalmer, registered student embalmer or licensed funeral director  
776 [only and he] licensed by the department, or licensed in a state having  
777 a reciprocal agreement on file with the department. Such licensed  
778 embalmer, registered student embalmer or licensed funeral director  
779 shall leave, in writing, with the institution from which or the person  
780 from whom any such body is received, a temporary removal permit,  
781 on a form supplied by the [Department of Public Health] department,  
782 [his] such embalmer's or director's name, [and] address [, his] and  
783 license number and the date and hour such body was delivered to  
784 [him] such embalmer or director. A duplicate of such temporary  
785 removal permit shall be left with or mailed to the local registrar where  
786 the death occurred, within twelve hours after such temporary transfer.  
787 Any body for which a burial or removal permit has been secured in  
788 accordance with the provisions of section 7-69, as amended by this act,  
789 except the body of any person whose death occurred while suffering  
790 from any communicable disease other than tuberculosis or pneumonia,  
791 may be taken through or into another town for funeral services  
792 without additional permits.

793       Sec. 24. Section 7-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
794       following is substituted in lieu thereof:

795       (a) To the person performing the duties required by the statutes  
796       relating to registration of births, marriages, [and] deaths and fetal  
797       deaths, the following fees shall be allowed: (1) To the registrar for  
798       completing each record of birth by procuring and inserting the full  
799       name of the child, or for the recording, indexing, copying and  
800       endorsing of each birth, marriage, [or] death or fetal death certificate,  
801       two dollars; (2) for the license to marry, ten dollars; and (3) for issuing  
802       each burial or removal permit, three dollars.

803       (b) A twenty-dollar surcharge shall be paid to the registrar for each  
804       license to marry in addition to the fee for such license established  
805       pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The registrar shall retain one  
806       dollar from each such surcharge for administrative costs and shall  
807       forward the remainder, on or before the tenth day of the month  
808       following each calendar quarter, to the Department of Public Health.  
809       The receipts shall be deposited into an account of the State Treasurer  
810       and credited to the General Fund for further credit to a separate  
811       nonlapsing account established by the Comptroller for use by the  
812       Department of Social Services for shelter services for victims of  
813       household abuse in accordance with section 17b-850 and by the  
814       Department of Public Health for rape crisis services funded under  
815       section 19a-2a. Such funds shall be allocated for these purposes by the  
816       Office of Policy and Management in consultation with the  
817       Commissioners of [the Department of] Social Services and [the  
818       Department of] Public Health based on an evaluation of need, service  
819       delivery costs and availability of other funds. No such moneys shall  
820       supplant any state or federal funds otherwise available for such  
821       services.

822       Sec. 25. Section 7-74 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
823       following is substituted in lieu thereof:

824       The fee for a certification of birth registration [shall be five dollars

825 and for a certified copy of a certificate of birth, five dollars except that  
826 the fee for such certifications and copies when issued by the  
827 Department of Public Health shall be fifteen dollars. The fee for a  
828 certified copy of a certificate of marriage or death shall be five dollars]  
829 and a certified copy of a certificate of birth, marriage, death or fetal  
830 death shall be ten dollars. For each such fee collected by a registrar of  
831 vital statistics, two dollars shall be forwarded on or before the tenth  
832 day of the month following each calendar quarter to the department.  
833 Such receipts shall be deposited into an account of the State Treasurer  
834 and credited to the General Fund. Such fees shall not be required of  
835 any federal agency or the [Department of Public Health] department.

836 Sec. 26. Section 7-76 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
837 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

838 The fees due registrars of vital statistics for the making of records,  
839 copies and endorsements relating to births, [and] deaths and fetal  
840 deaths, and marriages, when the residence of the parents of the child  
841 or of the deceased or of either party to a marriage is in some other  
842 town in this state than that in which the birth, death, fetal death or  
843 marriage occurred, shall be paid by such other town except as they  
844 relate to vital statistics of inmates of any state institution. All bills for  
845 such fees shall be submitted by such registrars to such other towns on  
846 or before February first of each year, provided if a bill amounts to less  
847 than twenty-six dollars, no bill shall be sent and the amount shall not  
848 be due. If the registrar of vital statistics of any town or city receives a  
849 salary for the performance of [his] the registrar's duties, the amount of  
850 fees due under the provisions of this section shall be paid to such town  
851 or city.

852 Sec. 27. (NEW) (a) On receipt of a certified copy of an order of a  
853 court of competent jurisdiction approving a gestational agreement, the  
854 department shall prepare a new birth certificate for the child born of  
855 the agreement. The new birth certificate shall include all the  
856 information required to be set forth in a certificate of birth of this state

857 as of the date of birth, except that the intended parent or parents under  
858 this agreement shall be named as the parent or parents.

859 (b) Immediately after a new certificate of birth has been prepared,  
860 an exact copy of the certificate, together with a copy of the order of the  
861 court approving a gestational agreement, shall be electronically or  
862 manually transmitted by the department to the registrar of vital  
863 statistics of each town in this state in which the birth of the person is  
864 recorded. The new birth certificate, the original certificate of birth on  
865 file and the copy of the order of the court shall be filed and indexed  
866 pursuant to such regulations as the commissioner shall adopt, in  
867 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the  
868 provisions of this section and to prevent access to such records of birth  
869 and court order, except as provided in this section. Any person, except  
870 the intended parent or child born of the agreement, who discloses any  
871 information contained in such records, except as provided in this  
872 section, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or  
873 imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

874 (c) When a certified copy of the birth certificate of a child born of a  
875 gestational agreement is requested by a person authorized to receive  
876 such copy pursuant to section 7-51 of the general statutes, as amended  
877 by this act, a copy of the new certificate of birth, as prepared by the  
878 department in accordance with the applicable provisions of section  
879 19a-42 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall be  
880 provided. Access to or issuance of a certified copy of the original birth  
881 certificate to any person, including the intended parent or parents of  
882 the child or the child born of the gestational agreement, if over  
883 eighteen years of age, shall be permitted only upon a written order  
884 signed by a judge of the probate court for the district in which the  
885 gestational agreement was approved, or another court of competent  
886 jurisdiction. The original certificate so issued shall be marked with a  
887 notation by the issuer that the original certificate of birth has been  
888 superseded by a replacement certificate of birth as on file.

889       Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 19a-1c of the general statutes is  
890       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

891       (a) Whenever the words "Commissioner of Public Health and  
892       Addiction Services" are used or referred to in the following sections of  
893       the general statutes, the words "Commissioner of Public Health" shall  
894       be substituted in lieu thereof and whenever the words "Department of  
895       Public Health and Addiction Services" are used or referred to in the  
896       following sections of the general statutes, the words "Department of  
897       Public Health" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 1-21b, 2-20a, 3-129,  
898       4-5, 4-38c, 4-60i, 4-67e, 4a-12, 4a-16, 4a-51, 5-169, 7-22a, [7-41a,] 7-42, 7-  
899       44, 7-45, [7-47a,] 7-48, 7-49, 7-51, 7-52, 7-53, 7-54, 7-55, [7-56,] 7-59, 7-60,  
900       7-62a, 7-62b, 7-62c, 7-65, 7-70, 7-72, 7-73, 7-74, 7-127e, 7-504, 7-536, 8-  
901       159a, 8-206d, 8-210, 10-19, 10-71, 10-76d, 10-203, 10-204a, 10-207, 10-212,  
902       10-212a, 10-214, 10-215d, 10-253, 10-282, 10-284, 10-292, 10a-132, 10a-  
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982 Sec. 29. Section 19a-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 983 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

984 The Department of Public Health shall have general supervision of  
 985 the state system of registration of births, marriages, [and] deaths and  
 986 fetal deaths, and shall [prepare] develop the necessary uniform  
 987 methods and forms for obtaining and preserving such records in order  
 988 to insure the faithful registration of [the same] such records in the  
 989 several towns and in [said] the department. [Said] The department

990 shall recommend such forms, procedures and legislation as are  
991 necessary to secure complete and accurate registration of vital statistics  
992 throughout the state. The Commissioner of Public Health shall be the  
993 superintendent of registration of vital statistics.

994 Sec. 30. Section 19a-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
995 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

996 The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in  
997 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, specifying the methods  
998 of reporting, recording, [preserving] issuing, maintaining, indexing,  
999 correcting and amending vital records and statistics collected under  
1000 the provisions of sections 19a-42 to 19a-45, inclusive, chapter 93 or  
1001 chapter 815e. The commissioner shall [prepare] develop such forms,  
1002 formats and uniform procedures as [he] the commissioner deems  
1003 necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 19a-42 to 19a-45,  
1004 inclusive, chapter 93 and chapter 815e. [The penalty provided for by  
1005 section 7-41 shall not apply to registrars of vital statistics not  
1006 complying with such regulations, if such registrars have complied in  
1007 all other respects with the provisions of the statutes to which said  
1008 penalty is applicable.]

1009 Sec. 31. Section 19a-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1010 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1011 (a) To protect the integrity and accuracy of vital records, a certificate  
1012 registered under chapter 93 may be amended only in accordance with  
1013 sections 19a-41 to 19a-45, inclusive, chapter 93, [and] regulations  
1014 adopted by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to chapter 54  
1015 and uniform procedures prescribed by the commissioner. [When a  
1016 certificate is amended under this section the commissioner shall report  
1017 the amendment to the registrars of vital statistics affected and their  
1018 records shall be amended accordingly.] Only the commissioner may  
1019 amend birth certificates to reflect changes concerning parentage or  
1020 gender change. Amendments related to parentage or gender change  
1021 shall result in the creation of a replacement certificate that supersedes

1022 the original, and shall in no way reveal the original language changed  
1023 by the amendment. Any amendment to a vital record made by the  
1024 registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the vital event occurred  
1025 shall be in accordance with such regulations and uniform procedures.

1026     [(b) A certificate that is amended under this section shall be marked  
1027 "Amended" on the original. The date of amendment and a summary  
1028 description of the evidence submitted in support of the amendment  
1029 shall be endorsed on or made a part of the record. The original birth,  
1030 death or marriage certificate shall be sealed and kept in a confidential  
1031 file at the Department of Public Health and may be unsealed only  
1032 upon the order of the Commissioner of Public Health. A copy of the  
1033 original shall be made and such copy shall be amended in such a  
1034 manner that the language to be changed is no longer visible. The copy  
1035 shall be a public record. The Commissioner of Public Health shall  
1036 prescribe by regulation, adopted in accordance with chapter 54, the  
1037 conditions under which additions or minor corrections may be made  
1038 to vital records within one year after the date of the event without the  
1039 vital record being marked "Amended".]

1040     (b) The commissioner and the registrar of vital statistics shall  
1041 maintain sufficient documentation, as prescribed by the commissioner,  
1042 to support amendments and shall ensure the confidentiality of such  
1043 documentation as required by law. The date of amendment and a  
1044 summary description of the evidence submitted in support of the  
1045 amendment shall be endorsed on or made part of the record and the  
1046 original certificate shall be marked "Amended", except for  
1047 amendments due to parentage or gender change. When the registrar of  
1048 the town in which the vital event occurred amends a certificate, such  
1049 registrar shall, within ten days of making such amendment, forward  
1050 an amended certificate to the commissioner and to any registrar  
1051 having a copy of the certificate. When the commissioner amends a  
1052 birth certificate, including changes due to parentage or gender, the  
1053 commissioner shall forward an amended certificate to the registrars of  
1054 vital statistics affected and their records shall be amended accordingly.

1055 (c) An amended certificate shall supercede the original certificate  
 1056 that has been changed and shall be marked "Amended", except for  
 1057 amendments due to parentage or gender change. The original  
 1058 certificate in the case of parentage or gender change shall be physically  
 1059 or electronically sealed and kept in a confidential file by the  
 1060 department and the registrar of any town in which the birth was  
 1061 recorded, and may be unsealed for viewing or issuance only upon a  
 1062 written order of a court of competent jurisdiction. The amended  
 1063 certificate shall become the public record.

1064 [(c)] (d) (1) Upon receipt of (A) [a voluntary] an acknowledgment of  
 1065 paternity executed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)  
 1066 of section 46b-172 by both parents of a child born out of wedlock, or  
 1067 (B) a certified copy of an order of a court of competent jurisdiction  
 1068 establishing the paternity of a child born out of wedlock, the  
 1069 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall include on or  
 1070 amend, as appropriate, such child's birth certificate to show such  
 1071 paternity if paternity is not already shown on such birth certificate or  
 1072 to change the [surname] name of the child or both. [Such certificate] If  
 1073 another father is listed on the birth certificate, the department shall not  
 1074 remove or replace the father's information unless presented with a  
 1075 court order that meets the requirements specified in section 7-50, as  
 1076 amended by this act. Birth certificates amended under this subsection  
 1077 shall not be marked "Amended".

1078 (2) The commissioner shall thereafter amend such child's birth  
 1079 certificate to remove or change the father's name [only upon the filing  
 1080 of a rescission in the paternity registry established under section 19a-  
 1081 42a, as provided in subsection (a) of section 46b-172, or upon the order  
 1082 of a court of competent jurisdiction] and to change the name of the  
 1083 child, as requested at the time of the filing of a rescission, in  
 1084 accordance with the provisions of section 7-50, as amended by this act.

1085 (3) A fee of twenty-five dollars shall be charged by the [Department  
 1086 of Public Health] department for each amendment to a birth certificate

1087 requested pursuant to this subsection which request is not received  
1088 from a hospital, a state agency or a court of competent jurisdiction.

1089 (e) When the parent or parents of a child requests the amendment of  
1090 the child's birth certificate to reflect a new mother's name because the  
1091 name on the original certificate is fictitious, such parent shall obtain an  
1092 order of a court of competent jurisdiction declaring the putative  
1093 mother to be the child's mother. Upon receipt of a certified copy of  
1094 such order, the department shall amend the child's birth certificate to  
1095 reflect the mother's true name.

1096 ~~[(d)]~~ (f) Upon receipt of a certified copy of an order of a court of  
1097 competent jurisdiction changing the name of a person born in this state  
1098 and upon request of such person or his parents, guardian, or legal  
1099 representative, the [Commissioner of Public Health shall]  
1100 commissioner or the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the  
1101 vital event occurred may amend the birth certificate to show the new  
1102 name by a method prescribed by the department.

1103 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) When an applicant submits the documentation required by  
1104 the regulations to amend a vital record, the [Commissioner of Public  
1105 Health] commissioner shall hold a hearing, in accordance with chapter  
1106 54, if the commissioner has reasonable cause to doubt the validity or  
1107 adequacy of such documentation.

1108 ~~[(f)]~~ (h) When an amendment under this section involves the  
1109 changing of existing language on a death certificate due to an error  
1110 pertaining to the cause of death, the death certificate shall be amended  
1111 in such a manner that the original language is still visible. A copy of  
1112 the death certificate shall be made. The original death certificate shall  
1113 be sealed and kept in a confidential file at the [Department of Public  
1114 Health] department and only the [Commissioner of Public Health]  
1115 commissioner may order it unsealed. The copy shall be amended in  
1116 such a manner that the language to be changed is no longer visible.  
1117 The copy shall be a public document.

1118 Sec. 32. Subsection (a) of section 19a-45 of the general statutes is  
1119 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1120 (a) The Department of Public Health may, by agreement, transmit  
1121 copies of vital records required by sections 7-42, 7-45, 7-46, [7-47a,] 7-  
1122 47b, 7-48, 7-50, 7-57, 7-60, 7-62b, 7-62c, 7-64, 7-65, 7-68 and 19a-41 to  
1123 19a-45, inclusive, to offices of vital statistics outside this state when  
1124 such records relate to residents of those jurisdictions or persons born in  
1125 those jurisdictions. The agreement shall require that the copies be used  
1126 for statistical and administrative purposes only and the agreement  
1127 shall further provide for the retention and disposition of such copies.  
1128 Copies received by the [Department of Public Health] department  
1129 from offices of vital statistics in other states shall be handled in the  
1130 same manner as prescribed in this section.

1131 Sec. 33. Subsection (a) of section 45a-750 of the general statutes is  
1132 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1133 (a) A certificate of birth registration or a certified copy of the  
1134 certificate of birth shall be issued in accordance with subsection (c) of  
1135 section 7-51, as amended by this act, or section 7-52, [or 7-56] as  
1136 amended by this act, to any adoptable person by the Department of  
1137 Public Health whether or not such person knows the names of his or  
1138 her birth parents, provided such department is satisfied as to the  
1139 identity of the person for whom the certificate is being requested. Any  
1140 child-placing agency, the department or any court having information  
1141 which is needed to locate such certificate shall furnish it to the  
1142 Department of Public Health.

1143 Sec. 34. Sections 7-41a, 7-47a and 7-56 of the general statutes are  
1144 repealed.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To revise and make technical changes in various statutory provisions concerning vital records.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*